

full investigation, and before entering proceedings, satisfied myself that Keith was guilty of an infraction of the law, and in addition, I may say that I had evidence to prove that his wife was equally guilty. I commenced proceedings against her, and had the necessary witnesses on hand, but she left the city before I could serve her with a summons, and it was only yesterday that I learned that she had returned.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding in this case, I herewith give you a detailed statement as to proceedings, from which you will naturally conclude that the presiding magistrate was about right when he characterized the fraud as a serious one, and one that should be punished by imprisonment instead of a fine.

The information charged that "on the 30th July, A. H. Keith, of Toronto, being a person not registered, did unlawfully practise medicine for hire, gain or hope of reward by prescribing and treating one Samuel Croot."

After several adjournments, and after the defendant had pleaded not guilty, the following evidence was given:

Samuel Croot, sworn: In July last I went to the office of the Viavi Medical Company, at the Confederation Life Insurance building, in this city, to see defendant as a doctor. I saw defendant's wife, and asked for the doctor. I waited there, and when defendant arrived, his wife said to me (in his hearing) that the doctor was in now. I asked him if he was the doctor, and he said, "Yes." He asked if I felt sore, and I said, "Yes, across the chest and kidneys." He asked me if I was subject to cold feet, and I said I was. He said that was the worst thing in the world, and that I should light a fire and warm my feet before going to bed. I asked the price of his treatment, and he said \$15 for three months' treatment. He said my back pains were caused by my taking cold. I paid him \$5 cash for the whole treatment, which he gave marked "A" and "B." The first time, my wife was with me, and defendant said then he was the doctor. The salve was to rub on my chest and back. I do not know how to read very well.

To Mr. Murdoch: I was always subject to cold feet. I had pains in my chest and loins. The

month's treatment was to be \$6; I paid \$5 on account, and owe \$1. I swallowed six of the capsules, and rubbed the salve on my back. I did not see the medicine until I had paid my money.

William Boyd, sworn: I went to defendant's with Samuel Croot on 25th ult. and saw defendant, who asked Croot how he felt. Croot said he had pains all over. Defendant said he could cure him. He said he had three treatments, namely, \$15 for three months, \$6 for a month, and a \$3 treatment.

Daniel Thomas, sworn: I went to defendant's about a week ago with Mr. Leland. Defendant told me he was the doctor. I told him I had pains in my chest and back. He said he would give me one treatment for \$3. He gave me the capsules and salve produced marked "C" and "D," and Leland paid him \$1 on account, and he gave us the book and receipt marked "E" and "F."

To Mr. Murdoch: I used the salve on myself outside, but did not take any of the capsules, as I was afraid of them. He charged me the \$3 for whole thing.

James F. Leland, sworn: I went with last witness, on 24th ult., to defendant's office. Thomas told him how he felt, and defendant said \$6 would be the treatment for a full month. I told him Thomas was poor.

Thomas Wasson, sworn: I am complainant. Exhibit "G" is a copy of what is painted on defendant's door and office windows. There are various anatomical pictures in defendant's office.

Fined \$100 and costs, or thirty days in jail without hard labor.

In connection with this trial, I may add, that in giving his decision, the Magistrate used some very severe comments, remarking that Keith's case was one of the worst instances of fraud that had been brought before him, and that such cases should be punished by imprisonment instead of by a fine.

I may further inform you, that I yesterday had an interview with Mr. Keith, during the course of which I asked him for the name of the medical practitioner, whom he said was in charge of his patients. After hesitation, he gave the name of Dr. H. O. Marten, whom I found to be the medical gentleman who had acted for the